

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A file outputting system comprising:

~~file storing means for storing a file which is formed using an application;~~

~~receiving means for receiving a request of output processing of the file~~

~~stored by said file storing means;~~

generating means for generating a file by using an application software;

output processing ~~executing~~ means for executing the requested output processing on the generated file;

output log recording means for, in response to the execution of the output processing, recording an amount of output product obtained by through the output processing; and

calculating means for calculating a charge for use of the application software on the basis of the amount of the output product, recorded by said output log recording means.

25. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 24, further comprising unit price storing means for storing a unit price of the application,

wherein said calculating means calculates the charge for use of the application on the basis of the unit price.

26. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 24, wherein the output processing includes at least one of facsimile transmission, printing and e-mail transmission.

27. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 24, wherein the file is formed using the application by a client apparatus connected to a network, and then the file is transmitted to a file server apparatus which includes said file storing output processing means.

28. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 24, further comprising notifying means for notifying an accounting sever which effects accounting processing, of the calculated charge for use of the application.

29. (Currently Amended) A file outputting method comprising:
~~a file storing step of storing a file which is formed using an application;~~
~~a receiving step of receiving a request of output processing of the file stored in said file storing step;~~
a generating step of generating a file by using an application software;
an output processing ~~executing~~ step of executing the requested output processing on the generated file;
an output log recording step of, in response to the execution of the output processing step, recording an amount of output product obtained through the output processing executed in said output processing ~~executing~~ step; and
a calculating step of calculating a charge for use of the application software on the basis of the amount of the output product, recorded in said output log recording step.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29, further comprising a unit price storing step of storing a unit price of the application,
wherein said calculating step includes a step of calculating the charge for use of the application on the basis of the unit price.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29, wherein the output processing includes at least one of facsimile transmission, printing and e-mail transmission.

32. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 29, wherein the file is formed using the application by a client apparatus connected to a network, and then the file is transmitted to a file server apparatus which is arranged so that said file storing to execute the output processing step stores on the file.

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29, further comprising a notifying step of notifying an accounting sever which effects accounting processing, of the calculated charge for use of the application.

34. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable program stored on a computer-readable medium for causing a computer to execute a file outputting method, said file outputting method comprising:

~~a file storing step of storing a file which is formed using an application;~~
~~receiving step of receiving a request of output processing of the file stored by said file storing step;~~

a generating step of generating a file by using an application software;
an output processing ~~executing~~ step of executing the requested output processing on the generated file;

output log recording step of, in response to the execution of the output processing step, recording an amount of output product obtained through the output processing executed in said output proccssing ~~executing~~ step; and

calculating step of calculating a charge for use of the application software on the basis of the amount of the output product, recorded in said output log recording step.

35. (Previously Presented) A program according to claim 34, wherein said file outputting method further comprises a unit price storing step of storing a unit price of the application,

and said calculating step includes a step of calculating the charge for use of the application on the basis of the unit price.

36. (Previously Presented) A program according to claim 34, wherein the output processing includes at least one of facsimile transmission, printing and e-mail transmission.

37. (Currently Amended) A program according to claim 34, wherein the file is formed using the application by a client apparatus connected to a network, and then the file is transmitted to a file server apparatus which is arranged so that said file storing to execute the output processing step stores on the file.

38. (Currently Amended) A program according to claim 34, wherein said file outputting method further comprises a notifying step of notifying an accounting sever which effects accounting processing, of the calculated charge for use of the application.